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MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Director

SUBJECT: Renewal of URPIC Missions

1. The Ad Hoc Requirements Committee, at its meeting yesterday, was informed of the current plans for weekly coverage of Middle Eastern area in view of the present situation in that area.

2. The agencies agreed to present under our normal procedure requirements by Friday of this week for possible missions next week, and these will be referred to Operations as usual promptly.

3. The Committee was not of the opinion that the possibilities of buildup in Syria by the Russians needed watching by this collection facility in view of the fact that other collection sources are available and can be relied upon in this regard at this time.

4. In view of the dangers involved in such overflights and possible jeopardy to the major objective, namely, the penetration of the USSR, and in view of their understanding that engine time is a matter for concern, the members of the Ad Hoc Requirements Committee are maintaining a constant alert in their agencies to identify real need for coverage. They will keep me continuously informed in order that Operations may be advised promptly.

5. Pending the receipt toward the end of this week of the take from [] the Ad Hoc Requirements Committee recommends missions only when needed to meet requirements and does not endorse the establishment of a schedule of a mission to Syria and a longer mission per week in the situation at present.

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JAMES Q. REBER
Chairman
Ad Hoc Requirements Committee

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